

**Peoria County Board of Health  
Community Health Services Committee Meeting**

**Date:** March 19, 2014

**Present:** Nora Sullivan  
Samuel Duren  
Terry Waters

**Absent:** Dr. Hippler

**Others Present:** Greg Chance, Public Health Administrator  
Kristin Grubb, Administrative Assistant  
Curt Fenton, Director of Child & Family Health  
Dr. Sue Bishop, Director of Dental

Meeting called to order at 1:19 pm by Ms. Sullivan.

There were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Mr. Waters to approve the meeting minutes from November 20, 2013 and January 29, 2014. Motion was seconded by Rev. Duren. Motion carried (3, 0).

In the first item of business, Mr. Chance stated that the Administration & Governance Committee approved the schedule for FY15 budget development. Budget information from previous years as well as preliminary FY15 information will be provided regarding Dental, Community Health Improvement, and Child & Family Health at May's Committee meeting. Mr. Chance stated that he is hopeful the schedule will lead to a budget being adopted by the Board of Health at its August meeting; the budget would then be forwarded on to County Administration. Information regarding the State of Illinois budget will not be known until possibly the end of May.

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that, as implementation of the Community Health Improvement Plan moves forward, an attempt is being made to align efforts with Quality Quest and the vision of regional population health improvement. This effort also embraces the vision within the Focus Forward Central Illinois (FFCI) Economic Development Strategic Plan for promoting the region as a "quality of place". There has been a challenge with engagement of community health system stakeholders. Mr. Chance stated that he has met with hospital and health department leadership in the region defined by FFCI. An effort is being made to schedule a meeting of that leadership group regarding obesity since this population health challenge is a common issue in most needs assessments in the region. Mr. Chance discussed Healthy Memphis, which is a 501(c)3 focusing on obesity through increasing active living and healthy eating. Some areas of focus include school lunch menus, food deserts, promoting physical activity, more green space, and safe routes for walking and biking. Mr. Chance stated that the dilemma is how to get things going with the support and involvement from leadership of key stakeholders. Mr. Waters stated that in order to have a meaningful impact, efforts need to be focused. He added that, because obesity is a broad issue and behavioral, it may be difficult to do anything on a community-wide basis. Mr. Chance stated that gaining support from the hospitals around common issues does not mean conducting the same strategies. He added that having several key stakeholders behind a policy creates more influence than just the Health Department trying to implement strategies. There was discussion

regarding how the community can support families in making healthier decisions. Mr. Chance stated that a pilot project being conducted in which the hospitals are engaged is the Million Hearts Project. This project is an example of attempting to create a community system that supports the clinical experience. Mr. Chance stated that maybe there is an opportunity to do similar activities regarding obesity. Mr. Chance stated that, while the hospitals in the region have indicated they are willing to attend a meeting, there is the issue of what to accomplish at such a meeting and to determine if there is willingness to facilitate population health improvement efforts. He added that he hopes to have more information for the Committee at its May meeting.

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that the Ad-Hoc Committee that developed the agenda for the Legislative Breakfast also had a discussion regarding holding more productive Board meetings. There was concern regarding how many items were under Consent Agenda Items at last month's meeting as well as how little dialogue there was regarding those items. The agenda for the full Board meetings will be changed to include an agenda item for each Committee chair to provide a report and also make motions for any action items from their Committee. Mr. Chance stated that another issue the Ad-Hoc Committee discussed was creating engagement between staff and Board members to aid the Board in becoming more active in influencing policy. An agenda item will be added to provide the opportunity for discussion of issues of which the Board needs to be aware.

Mr. Fenton stated that he has been participating in meetings with a group of providers over the past five months; the group is trying to develop coordinated intake process for clients. This involves aligning efforts for common purposes to meet the needs of families being served. Currently, the group is attempting to develop Memorandums of Understanding. Mr. Chance stated that another issue is the Illinois Voices for Children Report, which outlines poor birth outcomes in Peoria noting that Peoria exceeds state and national trends. Funding, policies and programs have not been effective in addressing the issue; the primary focus has been on reducing Medicaid costs rather than improving birth outcomes.

Mr. Chance stated that the fifth annual County Health Rankings Report comes out next week. Information and an opportunity for discussion regarding the Report will be provided at the April Board meeting. The Board can decide at that time if the Report provides new information and/or an opportunity to engage stakeholders.

Ms. Sullivan stated that she wanted to recognize Dr. Bishop, who along with a dental resident provided dental services to 16 people at Heartland apartments. She also stated that the Mission of Mercy will be held on June 20th and 21st at the Civic Center; volunteers are needed. Mr. Chance stated that dental services for adults was a topic discussed at the Legislative Breakfast.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm.